

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 5, line 16 as follows:

5 In the case of a smart card, the renter then carries the smart card 12 to the car  
which contains **a an** access control device 14. The card is inserted into the reader slot to  
provide the access control device 14 with the digital key generated by the computing  
system 10. The access control device 14 then makes **a** decision on whether or not to give  
the card holder access to the car, according to the date and time and car ID information in  
the digital key.

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